Underground power cabling in Goa

3321. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goa Government has requested for financial and other assistance to lay underground power cable on its coastline;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal;

(c) the estimated cost of the proposal; and

(d) Government's response to the proposal considering the security threat to the State, specially to the coastal belt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Under the Re-structured APDRP for Eleventh Plan, no request is received from Government of Goa for financial and other assistance to lay underground power cable on its coastline.

However, the Government of India under Tenth Plan APDRP had sanctioned the following projects for Goa State which include underground cabling work for power sub-transmission:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount
1.	Conversion of overhead distribution network to Underground network in Panjim Town	Rs. 35.47 crores
2.	Conversion of overhead distribution network to underground network in Margao town	Rs. 32.79 crores
3.	Improvement in North and South Goa for laying of new 33 kV underground cables and conversion of existing overhead distribution system to underground system in tourist belt of Saligao, Arpora, Calangute and Candolim sea coast.	Rs. 57.80 crores

The present status of the above schemes is stated as follows:-

(1) Conversion of overhead distribution network to underground network in Panjim Town at an estimated cost of Rs. 35.47 Cr. The work has since been completed.

(2) Conversion of overhead distribution network to underground network in Margao Town at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.79 Cr. The work has since been completed.

(3) Another project for improvement in North and South Goa at an estimated cost of Rs. 57.80 Crore was additionally sanctioned in which *Inter alia* also includes laying of new 33 kV underground lines and conversion of existing overhead distribution system to underground system in tourist belt of Saligao, Arpora, Calangute and Candolim sea coast. This project has also been completed.

The closing exercise of all the scheme sanctioned under Tenth Plan APDRP for Goa State have been completed.

New power plants

3322. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more power plants in Tamil Nadu, taking into consideration the huge power shortage in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the time by when these plants are likely to be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Seven power projects totaling to 4360 MW are presently under construction in Tamil Nadu. Details of these projects and their commissioning schedule are at Statement (*See* below).

The site for the one Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) at Cheyyur in Tamil Nadu with 4000 MW capacity has also been confirmed by the State Government. Full benefit of the project is envisaged to come up in the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

Statement

List of Power Projects under construction in Tamil Nadu State

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Implementing Agency	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning Schedule
1	2	3	4
I.	**Thermal Projects**		
(a)	**Central Sector**		
1.	Vallur TPP		
	(JV—NTPC—Tamil Nadu Energy Co. Ltd.) NTECL		
	Unit-1	500	03/2011
	Unit-2	500	09/2011
2.	Neyveli TPS-II Exp. NLC		
	Unit-1	250	04/2010
	Unit-2	250	09/2010